

strip of sand on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. There, on December 17, 1903, Wilbur tossed a coin with his brother, lost the toss, and watched as Orville made the first successful flight in a mechanically-propelled airplane. Through the courage, the genius, and the tenacity of the Wright brothers, man was no longer earth-bound.

That epic flight sixty-nine years ago made the world a smaller place, brought men and nations into closer proximity through trade and travel, and opened the doors to the Universe.

36 USC 169.

To commemorate the historic achievements of the Wright brothers, the Congress, by a joint resolution of December 17, 1963 (77 Stat. 402), designated the seventeenth day of December of each year as Wright Brothers Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of this Nation, and the local and national government officials, to observe Wright Brothers Day, December 17, 1972, with appropriate ceremonies and activities, both to recall the accomplishments of the Wright brothers and to provide a stimulus to aviation in this country and throughout the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4175

Modifying Proclamation No. 3279, Relating to Imports of Petroleum and Petroleum Products

December 16, 1972*By the President of the United States of America*

A Proclamation

The Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, with the advice of the Oil Policy Committee, has under consideration a number of substantial proposals relating to the management of the oil import

program under Proclamation No. 3279, as amended. Pending final decisions and announcements on those proposals, he has recommended that the Secretary of the Interior be delegated authority to provide interim allocations for the allocation period commencing January 1, 1973, and for succeeding allocation periods.

Post, p. 1183.

The Director, with the advice of the Oil Policy Committee, has also recommended that occasional shortages of certain finished petroleum products important to the national security should be relieved by delegating authority to the Secretary of the Interior to permit additional imports from the United States Virgin Islands. Such delegated authority then could be used with the Director's existing authorities relating to Puerto Rico and the use of Western Hemisphere crude oil in the development of programs to assist in meeting these shortages.

The Director, with the advice of the Oil Policy Committee, has found that such changes would not adversely affect the national security.

I agree with the findings and recommendations of the Director and deem it necessary and consistent with the security objectives of Proclamation No. 3279, as amended, to adjust the imports of petroleum and petroleum products, and to improve the administration of the program, as hereinafter provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, do hereby proclaim that, effective as of the date of this Proclamation, Proclamation No. 3279, as amended, is further amended as follows:

76 Stat. 877.
19 USC 1862.

1. Subparagraph (4) of paragraph (b) of section 3 is amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:

75 Stat. 1020;
84 Stat. 2268.
19 USC 1862
note.

"Whenever the Secretary, upon recommendation of the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, finds that there may be shortages in the supply of any finished product or products in Districts I-IV, which products are deemed by the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness to be important to the national security, the Secretary may allocate imports of any such product or products manufactured in the Virgin Islands in excess of the limitation in the preceding sentence for such product or products, for such time and under such conditions as he may deem consistent with the purposes of this proclamation."

2. Section 3A is amended to read as follows:

84 Stat. 2268.
19 USC 1862
note.

"Commencing with the allocation period January 1, 1973, through December 31, 1973, the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, is authorized to make an interim allocation for any allocation period or portion thereof to any person who held an allocation of imports of crude oil and unfinished oils